



Gift of Prophecy

1 Corinthians 13

1 If I could speak in any language in heaven or on earth but didn't **love** others, I would only be making meaningless noise like a loud gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I knew all the mysteries of the future and knew everything about everything, but didn't **love** others, what good would I be? And if I had the gift of faith so that I could speak to a mountain and make it move, without **love** I would be no good to anybody. **3** If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't **love** others, I would be of no value whatsoever. **4 Love** is patient and kind. **Love** is not jealous or boastful or proud **5** or rude. **Love** does not demand its own way. **Love** is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged. **6** It is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. **7 Love** never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. **8 Love** will last forever, but prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will all disappear. **9** Now we know only a little, and even the gift of prophecy reveals little! **10** But when the end comes, these special gifts will all disappear. **11** It's like this: When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child does. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. **12** Now we see things imperfectly as in a poor mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God knows me now. **13** There are three things that will endure – faith, hope, and **love** – and the greatest of these is **love**.

1 Corinthians 14:1 Let **love** be your highest goal, but also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives, especially the gift of prophecy.

The Gift of Prophecy is the divinely anointed ability to speak words of _____, given by the Holy Spirit, directly to the people of God, that _____ future events or inspire people to believe for the fulfillment of God's promises.

Scriptures:

Rom. 12:6; 1 Cor. 12:10,28,29; 1 Cor. 13:2,9; 1 Cor. 14; Matt. 24:4-31; Luke 13:35; Acts 13:1-3; 1 Tim. 1:18; 1 Tim. 4:14; 1 Thess. 5:20

Characteristics of the Gift of Prophecy

1. A person with this gift may be very sensitive.
2. Often a person with the gift of prophecy will have inward stirrings of the Holy Spirit within them during times of prayer or worship.
3. This person will receive words in his or her mind that indicate a divine message.
4. A person with the gift of prophecy is an intercessor and prayer warrior.
5. Misuse of this gift can cause depression, manipulation, harshness or moodiness.
6. The mature gift of prophecy seeks to bring edification, exhortation and comfort to other believers.
7. The gift of prophecy is vitally dependent on the knowledge of the Word of God for balance and wisdom.

Guidelines for the Gift of Prophecy 1 Cor. 14:3

“But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.”

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Strong's Number: 4394

Greek Word: propheteia

Usage Notes: signifies "the speaking forth of the mind and counsel of God" (pro, "forth," phemi, "to speak:" see PROPHET);in the NT it is used (a) of the gift, e.g., Rom. 12:6; 1Cor. 12:10; 1Cor. 13:2; (b) either of the exercise of the gift or of that which is "prophesied," e.g., Matt. 13:14; 1Cor. 13:8; 1Cor. 14:6, 22; 1Thess. 5:20, "prophesying (s);" 1Tim. 1:18; 1Tim. 4:14; 2Pet. 1:20, 21; Rev. 1:3; Rev. 11:6; Rev. 19:10; Rev. 22:7, 10, 18, 19.

The purpose of their ministry was to edify, to comfort, and to encourage the believers, 1Cor. 14:3, while its effect upon unbelievers was to show that the secrets of a man's heart are known to God, to convict of sin, and to constrain to worship, 1Cor. 14:24, 25.

In Proportion to Faith, Rom. 12:6

Strong's Number: 356

Greek Word: analogia

Usage Notes: Cp. Eng., "analogy," signified in classical Greek "the right relation, the agreement existing or demanded according to the standard of the several relations, not agreement as equality" (Cremer). It is used in Rom. 12:6, where "let us prophesy according to the proportion of our faith," RV, recalls ver. 3. It is a warning against going beyond what God has given and faith receives.

Dr. Kevin Conner

Prophecy—Greek "propheetia" = He who prophesies, a gifted faculty of setting forth inspired utterance in known language (Romans 12:6; I Corinthians 12: 10; 13:2; 1 Timothy 1: 18).

Dr. David Yonggi Cho

Gift of Prophecy: The gift of prophecy is described in terms of ministry-convincing of sin, judging a mischievous life or manifesting the secrets of the heart. As a result, a person's faith will be edified and the church, the body of Jesus Christ, will grow.

Jack Taylor

Gift of Prophecy: The God-given ability to speak forth an utterance in a known language. It is a word from God to man.

Dr. Peter Wagner

Prophecy: The gift of prophecy is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to receive and communicate an immediate message of God to His people through a divinely anointed utterance.

A Prophet

The Equipping Gift of a Prophet is an ordained leader who is gifted and called to give anointed _____ to the Church for the purpose of motivation and edification.

Greek Word

Prophet—Greek 'prophetes' = A spokesman for another, an interpreter for God, a seer, a divinely commissioned and inspired person, a foreteller of the future gifted for the exposition of the truth (Acts 15).

Scriptures:

Eph. 4:11; 1 Cor. 12:29; Acts 13:1-3; Acts 21:10,11; Acts 11:27,28; Eph. 2:20; Eph. 3:5; Acts 15:32; 1 Cor. 14:29-32.

Levels of Prophecy in the Church

- 1. The Spirit of Prophecy- Rev. 19:10** This anointing can come upon any believer or group of believers at special times to allow them to move and operate in the gift of prophecy and prophetic revelation.
- 2. The Gift of Prophecy- 1 Cor. 12:10** This gift is listed in the Bible as a divine enablement available to believers under the limitations of edification, exhortation and comfort (1 Cor. 14:3), and is to be judged by the revelation of the Holy Scriptures and by others who operate in this gift or hold the office of a prophet.

3. **The Ministry of a Prophet- Eph. 4:11; 1 Cor. 12:29; Acts 13:1** The ministry, calling and office of a prophet today is a governmental leader in the Body of Christ who operates beyond the realms of the gift of prophecy, including confirmation, direction, rebuke, correction, warning and revelation to the Church. This ministry is also to be judged by the infallible revelations of the Holy Scriptures.
4. **The Prophecy of Scripture- 2 Peter 1:19-20** This type of prophecy is no longer given today. It is God-breathed, totally inerrant and infallible. All other forms of prophecy are judged on the basis of God's revelation in His written Word, the Scriptures, which is the infallible word of God.

Characteristics of a Prophet:

1. Possesses The Gift of Prophecy- 1 Tim. 4:14
2. Has a Spirit of revelation- Acts 21:10,11
3. May possess other supernatural enablements such as dreams, visions, words of wisdom or knowledge, discernment, miracles or healings.- Acts 2:17
4. Gives Exhortation- 1 Cor. 14:3
5. Gives Warning- Acts 11:27-30
6. Preaches Vision- Prov.29:18; Luke 1:76
7. Helps ground the Church- Eph. 2:20; 3:5
8. Cooperates in sending out ministries- Acts 13:1-3
9. Works with Other gifted ministries- Acts 13:1; 1 Tim. 4:14; 1 Cor. 12:28
10. Discerns needs and problems in the church- Acts 11:28; 1 Cor. 14:29
11. Leads in intercession and prayer- Jer. 27:18

Yes, there are also present day prophets although they are not bringing new revelations to the church on the level of the Holy Scriptures, nor do they equal the special grace of the prophets of the Old and New Testament periods. They are gifted in prophetic ministry to help establish, direct, build, motivate, warn and correct the churches of these last days with special anointing from the Holy Spirit.

Any prophetic illumination given should always be judged by the infallible standard of the Bible. False prophets are exposed by their errant words, their bad fruit and their wrong doctrine. True prophets are manifest by their good fruit, accurate words and sound doctrine. These true prophets are also released into effective ministry by being properly recognized and received by churches and the people of God.

2 Peter 1:19-21 Because of that, we have even greater confidence in the message proclaimed by the prophets. Pay close attention to what they wrote, for their words are like a light shining in a dark place until the day Christ appears and his brilliant light shines in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophets themselves or because they wanted to prophesy. It was the Holy Spirit who moved the prophets to speak from God

I Corinthians 14:29 Let two or three prophesy, and let the others evaluate what is said.

I Thess 5:20-21 Do not scoff at prophecies, but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good.

- **IN LIGHT OF THESE SCRIPTURES, WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR US WHEN WE RECEIVE A PROPHECY OR HEAR A PROPHECY? DO WE BELIEVE EVERY PROPHECY?**

I Timothy 4:14 Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received through the prophecies spoken to you when the elders of the church laid their hands on you.

- **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU AND I IN REGARDS TO UTILIZING OUR GIFTS?**

Rev 19:10 Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said, "No, don't worship me. For I am a servant of God, just like you and other brothers and sisters who testify of their faith in Jesus. Worship God. **For the essence of prophecy is to give a clear witness for Jesus.**"

- **WHAT IS THE PRIMARY PURPOSE FOR PROPHECY?**

- **WHAT IS THE PRIMARY PURPOSE FOR A PROPHET?**